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SUBJECT: US ARMS SALES POLICY

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1. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, THE NEW US ARMS POLICY HAS BEEN
THE SUBJECT OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS HERE IN WASHINGTON

WITH THE ISRAELIS AND WITH ISRAEL'S CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORTERS. THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN A NUMBER OF SENATE LEADERS REGARDING HIS ARMS POLICY, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ITS APPLICATION TO ISRAEL AND THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED DURING THE RECENT SECRETARY/ALLON MEETINGS. BECAUSE THE ISRAELIS ARE ALREADY FULLY BRIEFED AND BECAUSE OF BOTH THE SENSITIVITY OF THE SUBJECT AND ITS COMPLEXITY, WE DO NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER IN ISRAEL AT THIS TIME.

2. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM THE TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION ON THE NEW US ARMS SALES POLICY. YOU WILL ALSO BE RECEIVING SEPTTEL, FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, FOR REASONS DESCRIBED ABOVE GENERAL TALKING POINTS WHICH WILL FURTHER DEFINE THAT POLICY. ON RECEIPT OF THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT, YOU SHOULD PRESENT TEXT TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT.

3. THE EMBASSY SHOULD REFER ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS POLICY WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL MAY RAISE TO WASHINGTON. WE WILL, OF COURSE, BE RESPONSIVE TO ANY SUCH QUESTIONS AND WE WILL KEEP THE EMBASSY INFORMED OF ANY CONVERSATIONS WHICH WE MIGHT HAVE ON SUBJECT WITH THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HERE IN WASHINGTON.

4. IF APPROPRIATE, THE EMBASSY MAY ORALLY NOTE THAT

-- OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL WAS MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR BY THE PRESIDENT RECENTLY.
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-- OUR NEW ARMS POLICY DOES NOT ALTER OUR HISTORIC COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY.

5. WE ARE CABLING TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, THE FULL TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO SENATOR HUMPHREY, INCIDENT TO HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE SENATOR ON THE NEW US ARMS POLICY. CHRISTOPHER

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